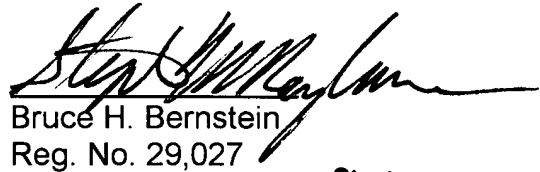


**REMARKS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. In this regard, the present amendment is in response to the Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, and replaces the originally filed Sequence Listing with the paper copy and computer-readable Substitute Sequence Listing filed herewith. No new matter is added.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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